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REMARKS

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- 1.. Between 1000 and 1300 on 17 September 1954, aircraft parked at Parndorf Airfield included 21 MiG-15s, 2 single-engine monoplanes with radial engines, possibly a Yak-type aircraft, and 1 Pe-2. Of the MiG-15s, 15 were parked at the southern edge of the field in one group of 7 and two groups of 4, and 6 were parked at the eastern edge. There was no flying. There was rain and strong westerly wind but the weather was improving. About noon, the engines of two MiG-15s were raced up for a short time. Subsequently the aircraft were covered with tarpaulins. All other aircraft were also covered by tarpaulins. About 1800, 15 MiG-15s parked at the southern edge of the field were towed to the eastern edge. The two MiG-15s were occupied by one pilot each. The tarpaulins of the aircraft parked at the eastern edge had been removed. Between 1300 and 1800 it was observed from the northern bank of Neusiedler See (lake) that two MiG-15s crossed that air space from east to west at altitudes of 4,000 to 5,000 meters.
2. The landing field which was sodded extended about 2,000 meters from east to west and about 700 meters from north to south. There was a take-off strip in east-west direction in about the center of the field. The take-off strip was not concrete and there was no drainage system in the field. No construction work was going on. There were no taxiways or hard stands. A small hoisting gear was seen in front of a wooden shed at the eastern edge of the field. Some temporary buildings and former farm houses were seen west of this shed. There was a fence at the southern edge of the field. No watch towers were seen. Radio installations of undetermined type were seen in the northwestern corner and at the southern edge of the field in line with the Parndorf railroad station.

Comment. The present report confirms the assumption that Parndorf airfield is occupied by a Soviet fighter regiment.

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